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W. T. Sherman started northward
from Savannah with 60,000 men

At the outset the first diversion
encountered a deluging rain,
causing a rise in the Savannah
River which burst its dikes, washed
over the road and nearly drowned
many of the troops.

After this came the swamps of the
COMBAHRE and EDISTO and floundering
through the flat quagmires of the
river country of the Pedee and
Cape Fear.